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In re Application of: Armin REIMANN *et al.*
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For: **TWO-STEP MIXING PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
AN ABSORBENT POLYMER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the application and calculation of the filing fees. If any fees in addition to those accompanying the attached application are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2190.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.